

## CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (New) A system for dispensing strip material wound transversely on a roll, drum or reel and mounted for rotation about an axis wherein said strip is lead around an idler roller, around said roll, drum or reel and again around said idler roller and then fed to other parts of a dispensing system, whereby fall off of said strip material from said roll, drum or reel is avoided.
3. (New) A system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the said axis is horizontal.
4. (New) A system as claimed in claim 3 wherein strip material is a reinforcing or tear tape.
5. (New) A system for dispensing strip material wound transversely on a roll, drum or reel having two lateral portions and a central portion located between said lateral portions, said roll, drum or reel being further mounted for rotation about an axis, wherein said strip is lead around an idler roller, generally around said central portion of said roll, drum or reel and again around said idler roller and then fed to other parts of a dispensing system, whereby fall off of said strip material from said roll, drum or reel is avoided by moving said strip away from one of said lateral portions.
6. (New) A system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the said axis is horizontal.
7. (New) A system as claimed in claim 6 wherein strip material is a reinforcing or tear tape.
8. (New) A system for dispensing strip material having a first width and wound transversely on a roll, drum or reel having a second width larger than said first

width, said roll, drum or reel further having two lateral portions and a central portion located between said lateral portions, said roll, drum or reel being further mounted for rotation about an axis, wherein said strip is lead around an idler roller, generally around said central portion of said roll, drum or reel and again around said idler roller and then fed to other parts of a dispensing system, whereby fall off of said strip material from said roll, drum or reel is avoided by moving said strip away from one of said lateral portions.

9. (New) A system as claimed in claim 8 wherein the said axis is horizontal.
10. (New) A system as claimed in claim 9 wherein strip material is a reinforcing or tear tape.
11. (New) A method of dispensing a strip material wound transversely on a roll, drum or reel and mounted for rotation about a first axis comprising the following steps:
  - a. placing an idler roller along a second axis parallel to said first axis;
  - b. leading said strip material around said idler roller;
  - c. leading said strip material around said roll, drum or reel;
  - d. leading said material again around the said idler roller.
12. (New) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the said axes are horizontal.
13. (New) A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein strip material is a reinforcing or tear tape.
14. (New) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein said roll, drum or reel further comprises two lateral portions and a central portion located between said two lateral portions and wherein step c) further comprises the leading of said strip material generally around said central portion of said roll, drum or reel.
15. (New) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the said axes are horizontal.

16. (New) A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein strip material is a reinforcing or tear tape.